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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, MO, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON KING

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED SECURE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YOUR DCM INFORMING US THAT YOU PLAN TO SEE THE KING AND THAT YOU INTEND TO TAKE UP WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF FORMAL MOROCCAN ACCEPTANCE OF LETTERS OF OFFER FOR SALE OF TANKS AND OTHER AMERICAN EQUIPMENT.

2. AS YOU KNOW, DECISION TO ALLOCATE TANKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO MOROCCANS WAS MADE ON BASIS OF STATED MOROCCAN DESIRE FOR US EQUIPMENT AND IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER IMPORTANT HIGH PRIORITY CLAIMS FOR THESE ITEMS. IF KING DECIDES NOT TO ACCEPT THESE LETTERS OF OFFER, OTHER HIGH PRIORITY CLAIMS COULD THEN BE SATISFIED.

3. WHEN YOU SEE KING, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) USG IS PLEASED THAT KING HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN US MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND, DESPITE PRESSING COMPETING CLAIMS

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FOR THESE ITEMS, HAS DECIDED TO MAKE AVAILABLE MILITARY

EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMAL LETTERS OF OFFER.

B) IN ORDER TO LET THE CONTRACTS AND MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THESE LETTERS COULD BE ACTED UPON QUICKLY IF GOM STILL DESIRES TO CONCLUDE TRANSACTIONS.

C) DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT LETTERS OF OFFER IS OBVIOUSLY UP TO GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO AND SHOULD BE BASED ON GOM'S OWN BEST JUDGMENT OF ITS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES. KISSINGER

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